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floor of the building and the toilet had cracks. This crack was superficial and not of serious nature as building had been designed and constructed to withstand the forces of nature due to earthquake or high wind speed.

No such case in Delhi Development Authority managed area has been brought to the notice of DDA.

(c) and (d) In view of reply at (a) and (b), it is not necessary. However, CPWD after detailed scrutiny of the buildings under their maintenance, is taking up repair works with concurrence of the occupying Departments.

**Proper Maintenance of Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat**

4083. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the present official set-up responsible for proper maintenance, upkeep and security of the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in Delhi;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that presently there is no check or restrictions for political rallyists and other gatherings etc. to enter in large numbers in the Samadhi area and thereby disturb the peaceful and clean environs of the Samadhi Complex; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure to keep the Samadhi Complex and its vicinity clear, secure and in proper shape and free from rallyists, hawkers, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Rajghat Samadhi Committee, a statutory body is responsible for proper maintenance, upkeep and security of Rajghat Samadhi. This Committee consists of 12 Members including its Chairman. The Committee gets its civil, electrical and horticultural maintenance work done through CPWD.

(b) No political rallies and other gatherings are allowed inside the

Samadhi complex. However, there is no restriction, as such, on people visiting the Samadhi as individuals or in groups to pay their homage at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi.

(c) The Rajghat Samadhi Committee is augmenting its existing security set up. It also takes assistance of MCD and Delhi Police to reinforce security and cleanliness.

#### **Construction of Flats for Earthquake Victims in Gujarat**

4084. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing constructions of LIG, MIG and HIG flats for the earthquake victims in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released by Government for the purpose;

(c) the manner in which Government intend to arrange funds for this purpose; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) There is no Central Sector Scheme for extending direct Central Government assistance for construction of houses in urban areas. However, Government has allocated Rs. 1500 crores to Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and Rs. 500 crore to the National Housing Bank (NHB) by way of tax free bonds to be utilised for relief measures in Gujarat.

#### **Diminishing Trend of Pure Potable Water in Urban Areas**

†4085. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.